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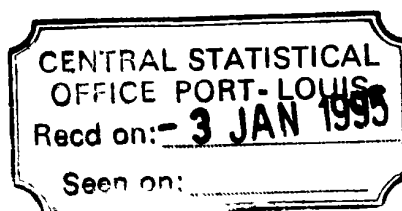
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Passenger Traffic

During the third quarter of 1994, 135,000 arrivals and 134,100 departures were handled at the airport while 2,700 arrivals and 2,600 departures were registered at the harbour. Thus, the total passenger traffic for that quarter amounted to 137,700 arrivals and 136,700 departures, representing an increase of about 1% in the overall flux of passenger traffic over the corresponding period of last year.

During this period, the Passport and Immigration Office registered 32,000 departures of Mauritian residents compared to 30,900 arrivals, i.e. an excess of 1,100 departures over arrivals.

The total number of arrivals for the first nine months of the year is estimated at 379,100 and the total number of departures at 392,500, showing increases of 1% and 2% respectively over last year figures.

Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals during the third quarter is estimated at 101,100, that is an increase of 6% over the corresponding quarter of 1993. The main generating countries for this period were Reunion Island (24%), France (23%), Germany (10%), Republic of South Africa (9%), United Kingdom (9%), Italy (5%) and India (3%).

The total number of tourists who visited the country from January to September 1994 was 285,800, or 7% higher than the corresponding figure of 266,200 for last year. Of these, nearly 56% were from the European markets while the African market contributed another 36%.

An analysis of tourist arrivals by country of residence indicates that France remains the leading market with a contribution of 25%, followed by our major short haul market, Reunion Island, with 21%.

Tourist arrivals from France represented 45% of the European market. The other major European countries were Germany (19%), United Kingdom (15%), Italy (8%) and Switzerland (5%).

The African market was, as usual, largely predominated by Reunion Island (57%) and the Republic of South Africa (28%). Other generating markets from this Continent were Malagasy Republic (5%) and Seychelles (3%).

Tourists arrivals from India represented 3% of the total arrivals for the period January to September 1994 and about 45% of the Asian market.

Tourist Nights

Some 1,244,000 tourist nights were spent in the country during the third quarter of 1994. The total nights spent for the period January to September 1994 was thus 3,517,000, i.e. an increase of 7% over last year and representing an average length of stay of 12.3 nights per tourist.

Hotel Statistics

During the period under review, two hotels were de-registered while three establishments have been licensed as hotels. Thus, the total number of licensed hotels at the end of September 1994 was 86, with a total capacity of 5,530 rooms and 11,430 bed places.

The average room occupancy rates for the third quarter were 64% for all hotels and 70% for large hotels only, showing improvements of 10% and 8% respectively over the rates for the corresponding period of 1993. The bed occupancy rates were 58% and 65% respectively.

Gross Tourist Receipts

Gross tourist receipts for the third quarter works out to around 1,350 million rupees. The estimate for the first nine months of the year is thus of the order of 4,140 million rupees compared to 3,740 million rupees in the corresponding period of 1993.

Employment

In March 1994, there were 13,700 persons employed directly in tourism establishments engaging 10 persons or more. Out of this number, 9,100 (66%) were working in hotels, 1,200 (9%) in restaurants and the remaining 3,400 (25%) in travel and tourism establishments.

Forecast

Based on the trend for the first nine months, it is estimated that the total number of tourist arrivals for the year will be around 405,000, with a total gross receipts of the order of 6 billion rupees. It will be remembered that the corresponding figures for 1993 were 374,630 tourists and 5,362 million rupees respectively.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic by month 1992 - 1994

Month	Number					
	1992		1993		1994	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	45,490	52,660	52,160	60,230	53,372	61,148
February	31,660	35,010	34,520	39,370	34,478	38,957
March	31,370	32,180	33,180	33,970	40,098	37,363
1st Quarter	<u>108,520</u>	<u>119,850</u>	<u>119,860</u>	<u>133,570</u>	<u>127,948</u>	<u>137,468</u>
April	41,390	40,280	44,740	44,930	40,446	44,779
May	33,800	38,530	38,660	37,490	39,840	42,809
June	34,060	30,470	33,420	35,190	33,226	30,724
2nd Quarter	<u>109,250</u>	<u>109,280</u>	<u>116,820</u>	<u>117,610</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>118,312</u>
1st Semester	<i>217,770</i>	<i>229,130</i>	<i>236,680</i>	<i>251,180</i>	<i>241,460</i>	<i>255,780</i>
July	39,290	31,920	44,620	35,670	44,863	37,654
August	47,970	54,300	54,600	60,050	54,205	59,733
September	34,150	33,680	38,600	38,540	38,611	39,322
3rd Quarter	<u>121,410</u>	<u>119,900</u>	<u>137,820</u>	<u>134,260</u>	<u>137,679</u>	<u>136,709</u>
October	40,400	40,190	44,490	40,520		
November	42,670	41,840	48,170	48,210		
December	53,670	40,950	56,580	46,230		
4th Quarter	<u>136,740</u>	<u>122,980</u>	<u>149,240</u>	<u>134,960</u>		
2nd Semester	<i>258,150</i>	<i>242,880</i>	<i>287,060</i>	<i>269,220</i>		
Whole Year	475,920	472,010	523,740	520,400		

Table 2:- Selected tourism statistics, 1989 - 1994

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3,200	2,796	
1990	75	4,603	9,572	291,550	3,560	3,630	
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3,700	3,940	
1992	84	5,271	10,917	335,400	4,110	4,655	
1993	85	5341	11,058	374,630	4,610	5,362	
1993 :	1st Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	89,000	1,096	1,379
	2nd Qr.	84	5,271	10,917	81,710	1,005	1,164
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>2,101</u>	<u>2,543</u>
	3rd Qr.	85	5,300	10,980	95,520	1,176	1,195
	4th Qr.	85	5,341	11,058	108,400	1,333	1,624
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,341</u>	<u>11,058</u>	<u>203,920</u>	<u>2,509</u>	<u>2,819</u>
1994 :	1st Qr.	85	5,341	11,058	101,138	1,245 *	1,530 *
	2nd Qr.	85	5,401	11,192	83,572	1,028 *	1,260 *
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,401</u>	<u>11,192</u>	<u>184,710</u>	<u>2,273 *</u>	<u>2,790 *</u>
	3rd Qr.	86	5,527	11,433	101,135	1,244 *	1,350 *

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Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1992 - 1994

Month	Number		
	1992	1993	1994
January	33,760	38,910	42,132
February	23,220	25,920	27,268
March	22,400	24,170	31,738
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>79,380</u>	<u>89,000</u>	<u>101,138</u>
April	30,630	32,580	30,350
May	23,800	28,250	30,685
June	21,930	20,880	22,537
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>76,360</u>	<u>81,710</u>	<u>83,572</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>155,740</i>	<i>170,710</i>	<i>184,710</i>
July	26,270	30,320	32,211
August	33,270	38,450	40,319
September	23,370	26,750	28,605
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>82,910</u>	<u>95,520</u>	<u>101,135</u>
October	29,820	33,040	
November	30,760	35,400	
December	36,170	39,960	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>96,750</u>	<u>108,400</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>179,660</i>	<i>203,920</i>	
Whole Year	335,400	374,630	

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence , January - September 1994

Country of residence	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Semester	July	August	September	3rd Quarter	Jan-Sep 94
EUROPE	57,469	47,419	104,888	17,783	18,238	17,664	53,685	158,573
Austria	1,660	881	2,541	316	217	279	812	3,353
Belgium	711	721	1,432	559	329	552	1,440	2,872
France	28,289	19,978	48,267	7,472	8,972	6,357	22,801	71,068
Germany	11,019	9,200	20,219	3,540	2,759	3,375	9,674	29,893
Italy	4,218	3,809	8,027	1,057	2,078	1,839	4,974	13,001
Netherlands	223	159	382	98	76	106	280	662
Spain	488	472	960	315	371	295	981	1,941
Sweden	592	196	788	75	35	81	191	979
Switzerland	2,979	2,134	5,113	875	474	755	2,104	7,217
United Kingdom	5,900	8,458	14,358	3,054	2,417	3,686	9,157	23,515
Other European	1,390	1,411	2,801	422	510	339	1,271	4,072
AFRICA	37,341	27,622	64,963	11,615	19,024	8,311	38,950	103,913
Comoros	264	306	570	65	125	68	258	828
Kenya	240	331	571	91	91	110	292	863
Malagasy Rep.	1,469	1,743	3,212	543	634	543	1,720	4,932
Reunion	22,980	12,586	35,566	6,321	14,497	3,001	23,819	59,385
Seychelles	667	1,223	1,890	304	1,010	334	1,648	3,538
S/ Africa Rep. of	10,448	9,514	19,962	3853	1,966	3,545	9,364	29,326
Zambia	76	47	123	20	38	34	92	215
Zimbabwe	607	1,079	1,686	179	411	270	860	2,546
Other African	590	793	1,383	239	252	406	897	2,280

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence , January - September 1994 (ctd)

Country of residence	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Semester	July	August	September	3rd Quarter	Jan-Sep 94
ASIA	4,967	6,642	11,609	1,920	2,535	1,994	6,449	18,058
Hong Kong	448	247	695	128	170	77	375	1,070
India	1,626	3,602	5,228	836	1,102	901	2,839	8,067
Japan	791	674	1,465	226	396	237	859	2,324
Malaysia	346	288	634	78	266	98	442	1,076
People's Rep. of China	375	342	717	132	103	168	403	1,120
Singapore	858	783	1,641	301	238	233	772	2,413
Other Asian	523	706	1,229	219	260	280	759	1,988
OCEANIA	724	1,085	1,809	541	226	435	1,202	3,011
Australia	655	1,019	1,674	523	209	412	1,144	2,818
Other Oceanian	69	66	135	18	17	23	58	193
AMERICA	637	804	1,441	352	296	201	849	2,290
USA	382	497	879	204	179	130	513	1,392
Canada	218	252	470	114	96	49	259	729
Other American	37	55	92	34	21	22	77	169
All Countries	101,138	83,572	184,710	32,211	40,319	28,605	101,135	285,845

Table 5:- Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1992 - 1994

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1992	1993	1994
January	56.4	64.5	75.4
February	51.0	58.5	66.6
March	48.9	56.8	65.3
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>52.0</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>69.1</u>
April	55.0	60.1	63.8 *
May	52.0	51.4	63.0 *
June	42.0	43.0	53.7 *
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>60.3</u> *
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>64.8</i> *
July	42.9	49.5	56.8 *
August	51.0	62.9	67.0 *
September	53.1	62.8	67.6 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>48.9</u>	<u>57.9</u>	<u>63.7</u> *
October	58.0	69.5	
November	64.6	75.5	
December	57.2	64.9	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.9</u>	<u>69.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>54.3</i>	<i>64.3</i>	
Whole Year	52.9	60.0	

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Table 6:- Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1992 - 1994

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1992	1993	1994
January	50.8	59.6	67.6
February	44.7	52.6	57.1
March	41.8	49.4	60.2
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>46.0</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>62.6</u>
April	49.0	53.8	58.6 *
May	45.5	47.6	56.5 *
June	36.5	38.6	47.7 *
	<u>43.7</u>	<u>46.8</u>	<u>54.4 *</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>44.9</i>	<i>50.5</i>	<i>58.6 *</i>
July	38.9	44.9	51.0 *
August	48.1	56.6	61.1 *
September	48.1	56.7	61.1 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>57.7 *</u>
October	53.0	59.3	
November	55.9	66.4	
December	51.5	59.1	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>53.4</u>	<u>59.3</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>49.1</i>	<i>56.1</i>	
Whole Year	47.3	53.2	

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Table 7:-Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1992 - 1994

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1992	1993	1994
January	66.3	70.8	81.5
February	63.1	70.2	76.5
March	58.3	65.9	73.1
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>62.7</u>	<u>68.9</u>	<u>77.1</u>
April	68.9	71.0	73.7 *
May	64.2	59.6	71.3 *
June	52.5	51.7	60.8 *
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61.9</u>	<u>60.9</u>	<u>68.3 *</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>62.3</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>72.6 *</i>
July	52.1	55.9	64.4 *
August	57.6	67.4	70.0 *
September	67.9	72.3	76.2 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>59.1</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>70.1 *</u>
October	68.0	76.9	
November	76.4	86.2	
December	66.8	72.4	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>70.4</u>	<u>78.4</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>72.0</i>	
Whole Year	63.6	68.5	

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Table 8:-Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1992 - 1994

Month	Bed occupancy rate (%)		
	1992	1993	1994
January	61.0	66.3	73.6
February	57.0	64.3	70.1
March	52.5	58.4	68.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>56.0</u>	<u>63.0</u>	<u>70.8</u>
April	63.0	63.9	69.6 *
May	57.0	54.4	65.5 *
June	46.5	47.0	55.7 *
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>55.5</u>	<u>55.2</u>	<u>63.3</u> *
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>67.0</i> *
July	48.3	51.0	59.4 *
August	53.1	61.1	65.4 *
September	63.5	66.5	70.4 *
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>54.9</u>	<u>59.4</u>	<u>65.0</u> *
October	64.0	65.7	
November	68.6	77.1	
December	61.4	67.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>64.7</u>	<u>69.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>64.9</i>	
Whole Year	58.4	62.0	

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Table 9:- Employment in the tourist industry as at March, 1990 - 1994

Establishments \ Period	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Restaurants	935	919	772	850	1,157
Hotels	5,581	6,422	7,592	8,271	9,082
Travel and Tourism	2,386	2,759	2,887	3,310	3,419
Total	8,902	10,100	11,251	12,431	13,658

Note: The above figures do not include foreign workers and refer to

(1) Large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)

(2) Island of Mauritius only.